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NINETY-FIFTH YEAR.

COLD WAVE IS SWEEPING OVER KANSAS TO MISSOURI.

Temperature Drops Thirty Degrees at Topeka and the Weather Bureau Predicts a Fall Below Zero at Dodge City—Blizzard Rages in the Northwest, Causing Enormous Damage.

STOCKMEN SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES BY THE UNEXPECTED COLD.

RAIN AND SNOW PREDICTED BY THE ST. LOUIS FORECASTER.

St. Louis is in for another brief spell of cold weather, according to the predictions of the Weather Bureau. The indications are that the rain ushered in by last night's windstorm will turn to snow and the temperature will fall several degrees below freezing point.

Atmospheric conditions within the last three days have presaged a sudden change in temperature and barometer. The unusual warmth, accompanied by the scurrying clouds and caps of wind, have prepared the people in a measure for a sudden change bringing disagreeable weather.

A high barometer over the Northwest, traveling in this direction, caused the weather officials to look for thunderstorms, showers and cooler weather for this section. The rain held off two days, but last night, preceded by a lowering of angry clouds and a spiteful wind, rain fell for a few minutes. This is the precursor of the shower expected to-day, which, under the reduced temperature, may turn to snow.

Doctor Hyatt, local forecast official, says the cool spell may remain until tomorrow morning. Yesterday morning it was snowing in Nebraska, Minnesota and the Dakotas. There was rain in the lake regions and westward to the Rocky Mountains, heaviest in Oklahoma.

There was frost in the Northern Pacific States yesterday. In portions of Montana the temperature was 6 below zero, and as far south as the Texas Panhandle it was at freezing point.

A cold wave is sweeping toward the east over Kansas and the States on the north. Already it has been felt in the northeastern part of Kansas and it is scheduled to go over Missouri, lowering the temperature and bringing rain and snow.

At Dodge City, Kas., it is below the freezing point, and the United States Weather Bureau has issued a bulletin forecasting that the mercury will fall below zero in twenty-four hours.

At Topeka, Kas., the thermometer showed a drop of thirty degrees and a further fall is expected.

In Dakota the cold wave has assumed the proportions of a blizzard. All trains are late and wires are down in every direction.

The mercury dropped below zero at Cheyenne, Wyo. The blizzard is about over there, however, and is on its way east.

It is estimated that the stock interests will suffer thousands of dollars by the sudden cold wave. Cattle are suffering and, while a great many deaths have not been reported, the shrinkage in values will be enormous.

Fruit growers will also be heavy losers. In the last few weeks orchard trees had begun to manifest signs of budding and a freeze means the total failure of the fruit crop in some sections.

RELATIVES MAKE VAIN SEARCH FOR MISSING ETHEL ELLIOTT.

Chicago Postmark on Letter Written to Stepbrother Reveals Whereabouts of Stenographer Who Abruptly Left Home Six Weeks Ago

Although it has been six weeks since Ethel Elliott, a stenographer, 16 years old, mysteriously left her home at No. 2519 University street, her mother, Hattie Elliott, has received no news of an encouraging nature as to the girl's whereabouts.

That the missing girl is in Chicago there is little doubt, as a letter, written by her to Thomas Elliott, a stepbrother, bore the Chicago postmark and stated that she was working in that city.

Ethel Elliott is an only child. The mother gave the girl the name of her friends who had been educated at the Columbia School and in the Northwestern Business College. She is unusually bright, tall and slender, of dark complexion, and very pretty, so her friends say.

Elizabeth Elliott, a half sister, who is a stenographer in the general offices of the Cotton Belt Railroad, departed for Chicago last Friday, and since has searched unsuccessfully for some clue that might lead to the discovery of the missing girl.

It is believed the girl is with Blanche Colvin, although Miss Colvin's mother says that her daughter is in Brooklyn. Blanche Colvin and Ethel Elliott are about the same age and have been inseparable companions since early childhood.

Miss Colvin went to New York last December and Miss Elliott, who had been educated at the Columbia School and in the Northwestern Business College, followed her to New York. When she left St. Louis six weeks ago it was ostensibly her purpose to go to New York, but her mother says that Miss Colvin left New York three days prior to the departure of Miss Elliott from St. Louis.

Thomas Elliott, whom Mrs. Elliott has married since he was 2 years old, is an elder in the latter day saints' church at 1214½ Broadway and Jackson street. He and Mrs. Elliott have not been on terms of peace for the last two years, because, so she claims, he refused to allow the girls to attend the Sunday school of the latter day saints' church.

When Thomas Elliott received a letter from the missing girl he refused to divulge its contents. Mrs. Elliott finally appealed to the officers at the Fifth District Station, who took Elliott in custody and made him deliver the letter. This letter has been forwarded to Elizabeth Elliott.

WILL BUILD NEW HOME FOR BLIND IN ST. LOUIS.

Bill Appropriating \$150,000 for Ground and Building Passes Finally.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 19.—Without an opposing vote, the Senate this morning passed O'Donnell's House bill to provide for the sale of the Missouri Blind School at Nineteenth and Morgan streets, in St. Louis and appropriating \$150,000 for the purchase of ground and the erection of a new building at some other point in the city.

An amendment was attached providing that the three Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor, who are to conduct the sale, may select the purchaser publicly or privately. This will probably be concurred in by the House. The sum of \$30,000 is set aside for the purchase of three acres of ground and \$120,000 for the new building. The bill has an emergency clause.

MAY BOYCOTT THE CHURCHES.

Woman Suffrage Advocates Wish to Get Even With Men.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Topeka, Kan., March 19.—The leading woman suffrage advocates of Greensburg, Kan., propose that the women of the State declare a boycott against the churches until the men grant them the privilege of the ballot.

The defeat of woman suffrage before the recent session of the Legislature has called forth this novel suggestion.

ANN ARBOR STUDENTS SHEAR HODGEN'S HEAD

St. Louis Boy Will Preside at Class Banquet Minus His Locks.

JEALOUSY OF THE SOPHOMORES

Invaders Attack Sleeping Leader of the Freshmen and Overpower Him After a Lively Struggle.

John T. Hodgen, Jr., of No. 1022 Thornby place, a student at Ann Arbor, was made the victim of an assault by hair-cutting sophomores at the Michigan University early yesterday morning, and as a result was later compelled to have his head shaved at a Humpty Dumpty.

Young Hodgen, who is a freshman, was selected as toastmaster at a banquet to be given at a secret date within the next two weeks, a fact which was sole cause of his hair's downfall.

The young man was asleep in his room, with the door locked, when half a dozen "sophs" entered stealthily by means of a ladder against the window. Two of the invaders were armed with scissors.

Hodgen was awakened by the impressive weight of one of the "sophs" sitting on his stomach, but before he could make a move to defend himself he was seized and held until the amateur tonsorial operation was completed.

HAS BARBER COMPLETE WORK.

When the haircutters had fled John looked at himself in the mirror. He concluded he was a sight, and then went out and had his few remaining locks shaved.

Last night he went out looking for revenge, but up to an early hour this morning it could not be ascertained just how far he had succeeded.

How the "sophs" managed to get wind of the fact that young Hodgen was to be toastmaster at a banquet, John himself is worrying the companions of the hair-shaved boy.

Young Hodgen is a son of the late Doctor John T. Hodgen, whose widow resides in Thornby place. Doctor Hodgen was one of the best-known physicians of St. Louis.

GRADUATE OF SMITH ACADEMY.

The young man was graduated from Smith Academy only last June, the present season being his initial one at Ann Arbor. He is 19 years old, and was quite popular among his fellow-students here.

Mrs. Agnes H. Hodgen, the mother, could not suppress laughter over the news, after being assured that her son was not injured. She realized what a comical appearance he must present with his head shaved. She had not received information of the affair, other than that contained in the news dispatch to The Republic.

"That was an awful mean trick for the students to play on John," said Mrs. Hodgen. "The fact that he was to be toastmaster at a banquet next week must have been the cause of it all. He certainly must look ridiculous with his head shaved, poor boy. John is certainly getting his share of college life."

NEW MINISTER'S SUITE INCLUDES 62 PERSONS.

San Francisco, March 19.—The Chinese residents of this coast are making very elaborate preparations for the reception of the new Chinese Minister, who will arrive on the steamer Korea next Tuesday.

The Minister has sixty-two persons in his suite. Their wardrobe, it is said, are the richest ever taken from the Celestial Empire.

LEADING TOPICS

—IN—

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:06 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:11. THE MOON RISES TO-MORROW MORNING AT 1:20.

GRAIN CLOSED—ST. LOUIS, MAY WHEAT 69½c; BID: MAY CORN 40½c; BID.

CHICAGO, MAY WHEAT 74½c; BID; MAY CORN 46½c; BID.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For St. Louis and vicinity—Rain turning to snow; much colder.

For Missouri and Arkansas—Fair, colder Friday, Saturday fair.

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1. Legislature Votes for Railroad Passes.

Crisis Shifting to the South.

Cold Wave Is Sweeping Over Kansas and Missouri.

Francis Asks New York to Support Fair.

2. Combine Defeats Alum Legislation.

Election Bill Is Passed by Senate.

Page and Hickox Ordered to Appear Before House.

3. Referendum Amendment Was Indorsed by Illinois House.

To Undergo Moral Treatment.

King's Highway Boulevard Improvements to Cost \$2,000,000.

Block Is Nominated in Eighteenth Ward.

4. Society News.

Religious Orders Prepare for Exile.

Argument in Wabash Injunction Case Will Close To-day.

5. Typical Indian Village on Prairie Avenue.

6. Editorial.

Evangelist Bankey Is Seriously Ill.

7. Court Refuses Bail for Promoter Wright.

Extra Session of Senate Adjourns.

8. Race Results.

9. East Side News.

10. Republic "Want" Ads.

11. Birth, Marriage and Death Records.

12. Rooms for Rent Ads.

13. Summary of St. Louis Markets.

Grains Close Firm.

14. Trains in Demand.

What Is Easy in Chicago.

Wheat Fluctuates in Southern Pacific.

15. Seven Millions for Irrigation.

T. P. A. to Elect Officers.

WATER RAPIDLY REACHING TOPS OF SOUTHERN LEVEES.



Showing the Cotton Belt tracks. The Iron Mountain tracks are on the opposite side of the depot and are completely submerged.

FRANCIS ASKS NEW YORK TO SUPPORT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Declares That the Universal Exposition Belongs as Much to the Nation's Metropolis as to St. Louis and Hopes for Fuller Sympathy and Co-operation—Congratulates Nation on Outlook for Great National Undertaking and the Promises of Grati-fying Participation by Foreign Governments.

WELCOMED BY MISSOURI SOCIETY AS AN "AMERICAN CAESAR."

New York, March 19.—Greeted as an American Caesar who came, saw and conquered the Kings and Emperors of Europe, President David B. Francis was tonight welcomed by the Missouri Society of New York and their friends, 300 or more in number, in a style which would be flattering to any hero returning from a world conquest.

The grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria, in which he was banqueted, was profusely decorated, while the cost of the Missouri Society of New York, flanked by two huge American flags, hung suspended over the speakers' table. There was an abundance of flowers and ferns, while the boxes were filled with beautiful women in handsome evening toilet.

The banquet, over which presided Mr. Augustus Thomas, president of the society, was opened by an invocation by the Reverend R. J. Walker. A delegation of Missourians who came from St. Louis to escort President Francis home sat immediately in front of the speakers' table.

After a substantial dinner had been disposed of the national anthem was played, the assembled guests standing and joining in song. With the playing of "Dixie," which followed, all decorum was forgotten. Up went napkins, and the entire assemblage uttered their applause, while the ladies in the boxes waved their lace handkerchiefs and huge bunches of roses were thrown among the diners.

Mr. Thomas arose as the last inspiring strains died away, and in a witty speech, introduced Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee of Missouri as the first speaker of the evening.

THOMAS INTRODUCES FRANCIS AS AN "AMERICAN CAESAR."

When the applause which greeted Missouri's Lieutenant Governor had subsided, Mr. Thomas introduced President Francis as the guest of honor, characterizing him as an American Caesar, possessing all the qualities of a Caesar, while preserving all the coolness of a cold-storage warehouse. Mr. Thomas referred in a humorous way to Mr. Francis's visit to the crowded heads of England and the Continent of Europe, and provoked much mirth by his witty remarks.

Governor Francis, rising to reply, said calmly: "Members of the Missouri Society, Ladies and Gentlemen: I wish to say in opening that during the past thirty-two days, during which I have met the rulers of five nations, I have said 'Your Majesty' and 'Your Excellency' with no greater trepidation than I now say 'Mr. Chairman.'"

The applause which greeted this announcement was tremendous. When order was again restored Governor Francis said: "This very distinguished compliment tendered by the Missouri Society in New York is appreciated none the less because I was not aware that it was contemplated until two days ago. I return my grateful acknowledgments."

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MINISTER BOWEN DEMANDS REASON FOR ALLIES' DELAY.

Venezuela's Representative Exasperated by Difficulty in Obtaining Action on Additional Protocols Relating to the Adjustment of Claims—Persistent Reports That the Powers Desire to Deal Directly With Castro.

Washington, March 19.—Another important chapter in the Venezuela controversy developed to-night.

Impelled by the persistent reports which have been circulated that there might be a disposition on the part of the allied Powers to settle directly with President Castro the question of the payment of the claims of their citizens against Venezuela, coupled with the exasperating delay in settling the additional protocols with him, Mr. Herbert B. Bowen, Venezuela's plenipotentiary, has made an effort to obtain positive information from the allies as to their intentions in the matter.

With this purpose in view he addressed to Sir Michael Herbert, the British Ambassador at Washington, a polite note calling attention to the delay of about a month, and to the rumors that have been current that the Powers are not disposed to send the question of preferential treatment to The Hague.

Mr. Bowen urged it as desirable that some declarations should be made by the

CRISIS SHIFTING TO THE SOUTH

Crest of Flood Believed to Have Reached Memphis, Where Gauge Reads 40 Feet.

MUCH ALARM AT VICKSBURG.

Water Tops Several Levees and a Further Rise Is Expected to Wreak Havoc With Embankments.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Memphis, Tenn., March 19.—The river tonight is believed to be stationary at 40 feet, a rise of 1.2 in twenty-four hours. It is thought the crest of the rise has arrived. The fact that the drainage from the river to the St. Francis River basin of Arkansas at the Trion Landing levee is still so great that this may be holding the rise in check.

There is a difference in the height of the water on either side of the levee at this point of fully five feet, and the current through the opening is so great and the fall so sharp and considerable that efforts there to-day to ease the steamer Diana through for the relief of flood sufferers at Marion, Ark., were abandoned, the passage being considered too dangerous.

It is reported to-night that the situation at Marion is better, and that provision has been made for all persons and live stock there.

All passengers and mail to-day were removed from the two trains which are water-bound on the Iron Mountain tracks west of Bridge Junction, Ark. The equipment is still on the blind track, and efforts to open traffic to the West have so far failed. Should a fall begin to-night it is possible the washed-out tracks can be repaired and traffic resumed in a week or ten days.

All railroads were transferring their passengers by boats and over tracks to Cairo and St. Louis. The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad to-morrow will begin operating a transfer boat between the city and Lakeview, Miss., thus resuming traffic between Memphis and New Orleans over its own line.

SENATE WOULD ELIMINATE TWO STATE BOARDS.

Cuts Out Appropriation for Board of Agriculture and Board of Horticulture—Money for Canal Suit.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 19.—The last meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee was held to-night. For the first time since the State Board of Agriculture was organized the appropriation was entirely cut out. The House recommended \$40,000. The vote to leave this sum out and thus kill the board was 5 to 2.

Members think the board is of no practical benefit. Thirty-four thousand dollars was appropriated to help push the suit against the Chicago Drainage Canal District on condition that St. Louis appropriate an equal amount. It is estimated that \$40,000 will be required to print this testimony.

Two thousand dollars which was appropriated by the House for the State Board of Horticulture, was cut out entirely. The St. Louis Insane Asylum gets \$50,000. The Sedalia State Fair was cut from \$5,000 to \$3,000. The Springfield Court of Appeals gets \$25,000.

The Senate Committee in the aggregate has cut down House appropriations about \$100,000.

PRESIDENT HANKS IS COMING.

Settlement of Brickmakers' Strike Is Expected to Result.

Charles Hanks, president of the National Brickmakers' Union, is expected to arrive in St. Louis this morning from Chicago to try to effect a settlement of the brick-makers' strike.

Although it has been given out several times that certain firms were about to sign articles agreeing to the men's demands, the troubles seem to be as far from a settlement as they were the day the men quit work.

395 HELP WANTED ADS

Are printed in to-day's Republic:

Housework 87

Boys 30

Cooks 20

Barbers 35

Trades 65

Miscellaneous 158

More "Help Wanted" ads are printed in The Republic than in any other St. Louis newspaper, and they always give good results.

LEGISLATURE VOTES TO COMPEL RAILROADS TO GIVE FREE PASSES.

House and Senate Adopt Resolution to Submit a Constitutional Amendment to the People.

STEAL A MARCH ON PHELPS.

Oliver's Proposition Rushed Through Both Houses While "Pass Dispenser" Is Before Boodle Committee.

WILL BE VOTED ON NEXT FALL

Provides for Free Transportation for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Officers, Sheriffs and Others.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 19.—While William H. Phelps, railroad lobbyist, was being examined by the House Boodle Investigation Committee to-day, the House and Senate rushed through Representative Oliver's joint and concurrent resolution resubmitting a constitutional amendment providing for free transportation for all legislative, administrative and judicial officials.

Legislators regard the performance as one of the quickest pieces of work done in years.

Mr. Oliver introduced the resolution January 10. It was not reported until March 12, and most of the members considered the measure defeated.

Oliver had a different idea. This afternoon he made a short and vigorous speech in its favor, had the roll called and passed it with seventy-eight yeas.

Twenty minutes afterward the Senate had passed it, with only two opposing votes. "LET US BECOME MASTERS INSTEAD OF SUPPLICANTS."

In presenting his arguments in favor of the resolution, Mr. Oliver read an article in a St. Louis paper to the effect that 100 Representatives and twenty-three Senators ride on passes.

"I cannot believe that this statement is true," he said.

"It is repugnant to me to think that this proposition of the members held up their hands and swore to a lie when they were induced into office. I cannot believe that we are a set of perjurers. Let us become masters instead of supplicants. Let us rid this Legislature of this lobbying."

No speeches in opposition were made. On a roll call 98 yeas were cast in the affirmative and 29 in the negative. Those voting in the negative were: Bear, Beatty, Booth, Burkhardt, Campbell, Carter, Coffman, Dorris, Gillespie, Hensley, Ing, Kronck, Logan, Long, Lynam, Maples, Morris, Newton, Odell, Ogley, Riley, Selph, Smith, Viles, Vernon, Lewis, Barber, Conkling and Nobel.

Chief Clerk Joe Tall lost no time in giving the resolution over to the Senate. No sooner had it been reported than Senator McDavitt asked that the rules be suspended and the resolution passed.

FARRIS OBJECTED ON GROUNDS OF FAIRNESS.

Farris objected, claiming that the resolution had to take the regular course of a bill. McDavitt, Vories, Dickinson and Zervy cited the Constitution and the Missouri Reports. On the Farris point of order Morton, who was in the chair, announced clearly and distinctly: "The chair rules that the point is not well taken."

No fancy speeches were made. Farris explained that he was opposed to the resolution, as he did not think it was fair for any corporation to be compelled to furnish free accommodations for officials.

On the roll call only two Senators were present. They were Farris and Dowell. Twenty-nine yeas were cast in the affirmative. Kliney, Matthews and Young were absent.

AMENDMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED IN NOVEMBER.

The resolution reads as follows: "That at the general election, to be held on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1904, the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Missouri, concerning corporations, railroads, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State, to be adopted or rejected."

That section 3, article 12 of the Constitution of this State shall be repealed, and for naught held, and there shall be enacted in lieu thereof the following: "Every railroad or other transportation company doing business in the State of Missouri shall grant free passes or transportation over its line or lines in Missouri to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Schools, each of the Railroad Commissioners, to each Judge of the Supreme Court, to each Judge of the District and Kansas City Court of Appeals, to each circuit and common pleas Judge in this State, to each member of the General Assembly of this State, to each Sheriff in this State and to the president or superintendent of each of the several public institutions of this State supported by appropriations made by this State for and during the official term of said several officers; and the failure of any railroad or transportation company to furnish such pass or transportation to any officer named shall be a forfeiture of its charter or license to do business in this State. And every railroad corporation in existence at the time of the adoption of this section of the Constitution that may hereafter accept the benefit of any aid, franchise or future legislation of this State, or of any municipal subdivision of this State, shall by such acceptance thereby agree to all the provisions of this section and is subject to all its penalties."

PHILPS SAYS HE CARES NOTHING ABOUT THE MATTER.

Shortly after the resolution had been rushed through, William H. Phelps came up the steps outside the House. When asked about the resolution he simply remarked that he did not care one way or the other.

Shepherd of St. Joseph called up joint and concurrent resolution No. 21, introduced by Willy of Scotland, who is now sick. It provides that members shall receive a salary of \$1,000 a year, the same as that paid by Illinois. Oliver spoke in favor of the resolution as a companion to the free pass resolution. It passed by a vote of 88 to 37. It was reported to the Senate shortly afterwards, but no action taken.